

before which the snow disappears very rapidly. In fact the thermometer has been known to go from 40 degrees below zero to 35 degrees above in the space of a few hours, and clear away every particle of snow even if it had been snowing for days. The inhabitants believe the "Chinook" winds come from the Pacific Ocean through the mountain passes; anyhow, wherever they come from, they are of incalculable benefit to this portion of the country.

All the Territories are divided into Townships 6 miles square, which are sub-divided into 36 sections one mile square, containing 640 acres each. The Townships are numbered in Ranges East and West from the meridians. Most of the country has been surveyed, and the corners of each section are marked by what is called a "mound," which is composed of four large holes dug in the prairie by the surveyor, and an iron stake in the center. The sections are sub-divided into quarter sections each containing 160 acres, and the corners of the latter are marked by two holes instead of four. Provision is made in every section for roads. It can be readily seen by this arrangement how easily a person can find the particular piece of land he wishes to locate on. The Hudson Bay Co. own one and three-quarters sections in every Township, the Calgary and Edmonton Land Co. own every odd-numbered section, and the government owns all the even-numbered sections. The latter can be located on with the exception of two sections in each Township which are reserved for school sections. That is, the government will give 160 acres, or a quarter of a section, to any man not a minor, who will locate on it and comply with certain conditions. The Hudson Bay Company's land, and Calgary & Edmonton Company's land can be purchased, the price varying according to the water benefits derived. Up to two years ago these companies would sell land at from \$3.00 to \$4.00 per acre; now it is hard to get their land at \$6.00 or even \$7.00 per acre; and